Alhamra probe body yet to get record of maintenance

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE, Dec 31: The inquiry committee investigating the factors responsible for the collapse of the roof of Alhamra Hall-II on Tuesday has so far not been provided with the relevant maintenance record by the Alhamra Arts Centre authorities.

According to informed sources, the committee which met here on Thursday afternoon could not reach any conclusion due to the non-availability of the record.

The meeting was held without the NESPAK representative on the committee.

"We still do not know as to who carried out the repairs during the past few years. It will be difficult to fix responsibility for the unfortunate incident in the absence of the relevant record," an official, who requested anonymity, told this reporter.

The official said the committee had, however, sent samples of roof materials for laboratory tests.

He said the probe may take longer than promised by the provincial government.

It may be recalled that an official handout issued by the government after the incident promised that the committee would release its findings in 48 hours.